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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Sierra Leone and has the honor to refer to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Republic of Sierra Leone Regarding the Consolidation and Reduction of Certain Debts Owed to, Guaranteed by, or Insured by the United States Government signed in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on April 25, 2003, as amended on November 2, 2005, January 12, 2006, and September 7, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement").

The Embassy of the United States has the further honor to refer to the message from the Chairman of the Paris Club of December 7, 2006 advising the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone of the decision of the Paris Club to extend the consolidation period in the Agreed Minute signed in Paris on October 16, 2001, as amended on July 10, 2002 (including extensions by letters dated December 27, 2004, March 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006). In keeping with this decision, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes to amend the Agreement as follows:

Delete the current text of Article II, paragraph 2 of the Agreement and replace it with the following text: "'Consolidation Period' means the period from October 1, 2001 through May 30, 2007, inclusive."

Delete the current text of Article IV, paragraph 1 of the Agreement and replace it with the following text: "1. The Consolidation Period shall be the period from October 1, 2001 through May 30, 2007, inclusive." Article IV,

paragraphs 2-5 (which originally were paragraphs 4 through 7 and were renumbered by the amendment of September 7, 2006) remain unchanged.

If so amended, the amounts consolidated and reduced will be adjusted accordingly, in conformity with Article III, paragraph 2 and Article VI, paragraph 2 of the Agreement. The Agencies of the United States Government will undertake to notify the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone of those amounts in the coming weeks.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes that this note and the Ministry's reply note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement, which shall enter into force upon written notice to the Republic of Sierra Leone from the United States that all U.S. domestic legal requirements for entry into force of the amendment have been fulfilled.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Sierra Leone the assurance of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
December 17, 2006



I the undersigned consular officer of the United States of America, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and faithful copy of the original this day exhibited to me the same having been carefully examined by me and compared with the said original and found to agree there with word for word and figure to figure. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this date.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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January 5, 2007